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10.00 " " 11.00 " " 15 "	
11.30 " " 12.30 p.m. " 15 "	
12.30 p.m. " 2.30 " " 10 "	
2.30 " " 4.00 " " 15 "	
4.00 " " 8.10 " " 10 "	
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9.30 p.m. to 11.00 p.m. every 15 minutes	
11.15 p.m. to 11.45 p.m. every 15 minutes	
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SUNDAY.	
7.00 a.m. to 7.10 a.m.	
7.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. every 15 minutes	
9.30 " " 11.00 " " 10 "	
11.15 " " 12.00 noon " 15 "	
12.00 noon " 1.00 p.m. " 10 "	
1.00 p.m. " 4.00 " " 15 "	
4.00 " " 8.10 " " 10 "	
NIGHT CARS.	
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On and after FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH, 1922, until further Notice.
(All previous Time Tables cancelled.)

DOWN TRAINS

Station	No. 12	No. 13	No. 14	No. 15	No. 16	No. 17	No. 18	No. 19	No. 20	No. 21	No. 22	No. 23	No. 24	No. 25	No. 26	No. 27	No. 28	No. 29	No. 30
CANTON (The Star)	dep.	7.00	7.10	7.20	7.30	7.40	7.50	8.00	8.10	8.20	8.30	8.40	8.50	9.00	9.10	9.20	9.30	9.40	9.50
SHEN LUO	dep.	7.00	7.10	7.20	7.30	7.40	7.50	8.00	8.10	8.20	8.30	8.40	8.50	9.00	9.10	9.20	9.30	9.40	9.50
Shen Chai	dep.	7.00	7.10	7.20	7.30	7.40	7.50	8.00	8.10	8.20	8.30	8.40	8.50	9.00	9.10	9.20	9.30	9.40	9.50
Shen Chai	dep.	7.00	7.10	7.20	7.30	7.40	7.50	8.00	8.10	8.20	8.30	8.40	8.50	9.00	9.10	9.20	9.30	9.40	9.50
Shen Chai	dep.	7.00	7.10	7.20	7.30	7.40	7.50	8.00	8.10	8.20	8.30	8.40	8.50	9.00	9.10	9.20	9.30	9.40	9.50
Shen Chai	dep.	7.00	7.10	7.20	7.30	7.40	7.50	8.00	8.10	8.20	8.30	8.40	8.50	9.00	9.10	9.20	9.30	9.40	9.50
Shen Chai	dep.	7.00	7.10	7.20	7.30	7.40	7.50	8.00	8.10	8.20	8.30	8.40	8.50	9.00	9.10	9.20	9.30	9.40	9.50
Shen Chai	dep.	7.00	7.10	7.20	7.30	7.40	7.50	8.00	8.10	8.20	8.30	8.40	8.50	9.00	9.10	9.20	9.30	9.40	9.50
Shen Chai	dep.	7.00	7.10	7.20	7.30	7.40	7.50	8.00	8.10	8.20	8.30	8.40	8.50	9.00	9.10	9.20	9.30	9.40	9.50

UP TRAINS

Station	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	No. 5	No. 6	No. 7	No. 8	No. 9	No. 10	No. 11	No. 12	No. 13	No. 14	No. 15	No. 16	No. 17	No. 18	No. 19
Shen Chai	dep.	7.00	7.10	7.20	7.30	7.40	7.50	8.00	8.10	8.20	8.30	8.40	8.50	9.00	9.10	9.20	9.30	9.40	9.50
Shen Chai	dep.	7.00	7.10	7.20	7.30	7.40	7.50	8.00	8.10	8.20	8.30	8.40	8.50	9.00	9.10	9.20	9.30	9.40	9.50
Shen Chai	dep.	7.00	7.10	7.20	7.30	7.40	7.50	8.00	8.10	8.20	8.30	8.40	8.50	9.00	9.10	9.20	9.30	9.40	9.50
Shen Chai	dep.	7.00	7.10	7.20	7.30	7.40	7.50	8.00	8.10	8.20	8.30	8.40	8.50	9.00	9.10	9.20	9.30	9.40	9.50
Shen Chai	dep.	7.00	7.10	7.20	7.30	7.40	7.50	8.00	8.10	8.20	8.30	8.40	8.50	9.00	9.10	9.20	9.30	9.40	9.50
Shen Chai	dep.	7.00	7.10	7.20	7.30	7.40	7.50	8.00	8.10	8.20	8.30	8.40	8.50	9.00	9.10	9.20	9.30	9.40	9.50
Shen Chai	dep.	7.00	7.10	7.20	7.30	7.40	7.50	8.00	8.10	8.20	8.30	8.40	8.50	9.00	9.10	9.20	9.30	9.40	9.50
Shen Chai	dep.	7.00	7.10	7.20	7.30	7.40	7.50	8.00	8.10	8.20	8.30	8.40	8.50	9.00	9.10	9.20	9.30	9.40	9.50

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Sha Tau Kok	dep.	7.00	7.10	7.20	7.30	7.40	7.50	8.00	8.10	8.20	8.30	8.40	8.50	9.00	9.10	9.20	9.30	9.40	9.50
Sha Tau Kok	dep.	7.00	7.10	7.20	7.30	7.40	7.50	8.00	8.10	8.20	8.30	8.40	8.50	9.00	9.10	9.20	9.30	9.40	9.50
Sha Tau Kok	dep.	7.00	7.10	7.20	7.30	7.40	7.50	8.00	8.10	8.20	8.30	8.40	8.50	9.00	9.10	9.20	9.30	9.40	9.50
Sha Tau Kok	dep.	7.00	7.10	7.20	7.30	7.40	7.50	8.00	8.10	8.20	8.30	8.40	8.50	9.00	9.10	9.20	9.30	9.40	9.50
Sha Tau Kok	dep.	7.00	7.10	7.20	7.30	7.40	7.50	8.00	8.10	8.20	8.30	8.40	8.50	9.00	9.10	9.20	9.30	9.40	9.50
Sha Tau Kok	dep.	7.00	7.10	7.20	7.30	7.40	7.50	8.00	8.10	8.20	8.30	8.40	8.50	9.00	9.10	9.20	9.30	9.40	9.50
Sha Tau Kok	dep.	7.00	7.10	7.20	7.30	7.40	7.50	8.00	8.10	8.20	8.30	8.40	8.50	9.00	9.10	9.20	9.30	9.40	9.50
Sha Tau Kok	dep.	7.00	7.10	7.20	7.30	7.40	7.50	8.00	8.10	8.20	8.30	8.40	8.50	9.00	9.10	9.20	9.30	9.40	9.50

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THE FIRE BRIGADE.

MOVE INTO NEW CENTRAL
QUARTERS.

The Hongkong Central Fire Brigade were housed yesterday in the new quarters in Des Vaux Road Central, at the corner of Pottinger Street, which they are to occupy until the new Central Fire Station is erected. The old premises in Queen's Road Central, were vacated in the morning and directly the Fire Engines and staff moved the telephone arrangements and fire alarm bells were switched on to the new station. These arrangements remain the same, and the telephone call for the Brigade is as it was before the change over—Central 980.

The move was carried out with great precision. The Superintendent and Station Officer had taken special care to avoid any confusion during the period of change. Station telephone operators were placed in both the old and the new stations and all minor details settled, such as the moving of small stores, the men's quarters and their belongings, etc., before the actual moving of the engines took place. The engines moved out fully manned and equipped as if going to a fire, and the full turn-out, including escapes, ambulance and motor-car, caused no little excitement in Queen's Road Central. It was just as well that these precautions had been made for no sooner had the Brigade engines been placed in the new Station than the alarm bell rang and the two engines were turned out. A fire was reported in Lee Yuen Street, in close proximity to the new Station. It proved, however, to be just a chimney fire which was easily extinguished by two men with a hand extinguisher, but it might have been a serious outbreak and any little hitch in the Brigade services might easily have had serious consequences.

The move to the station has enabled a better concentration of appliances. The new turn-table ladder was moved, from the Wanchai Fire Station at the same time and there are now housed in the new station: two motor pumps, one motor turn-table ladder, one motor escape combination, one motor ambulance and one motor-car.

The new premises which have been rented by the Government from Mr. M. J. D. Stephens, solicitor, are conveniently situated, within easy reach of the Hongkong Hotel. They are certainly more central than the old quarters, which were some considerable distance down Queen's Road Central, past the Central market at a spot where the road is narrow, making the handling of the big engines difficult. There is plenty of room in Des Vaux Road to manoeuvre the engines comfortably.

Quarters have been provided in the new station for the Superintendent, the Station Officer and 64 Chinese firemen. The latter's quarters are divided into two sections, each section accommodating 32 men. They have been fitted with brand new furniture. There is a roomy mess room, a well-ventilated kitchen and half-a-dozen bathrooms fitted with Shanghai baths. The Superintendent's and Station Officer's quarters are on the top floor of the building and consist of two roomy flats, of five rooms each.

The alarm system has been moved from the old premises intact, but all the electric wiring has been placed underground instead of overhead. At the old station some confusion was caused at times by the alarms going off owing to the overhead wires coming into contact with another. This of course, cannot happen at the new station. There are other noticeable improvements in the alarms. The main alarm is specially noteworthy. A large bell, in size between a ship's bell and a church bell, bearing the inscription "Norma, 1853," and which is believed to have come from the old Berlin Mission, is fixed to one of the pillars near the entrance. A double-ended tongue is fixed to an electric battery inside the bell. A "press button" in the telephone operator's room sets the tongue in motion and the noise it sets up is enough to waken the dead; but its purpose is to awaken slumbering firemen. The old main alarm is faint in comparison with the new one.

Then there is a system of coloured lights, also worked from the office, which tells the firemen what motors are required to go out in the event of an alarm. The idea of this system is to prevent unnecessary showing of orders or the unnecessary manning of engines which may not be required.

There is also a new "press-button" arrangement for ringing the alarm in the other Fire Stations of the Colony, and last, but not least, the street-alarm which for some time have been known as "not in order" have now been brought into working order and are ready for use.

THE BAKERS' STRIKE.

TWO MORE FIRMS AFFECTED.

Bakers belonging to the Hop Hing and Dorabjee firms have now joined the strikers. We understand that at a meeting between the workers and the employers the Secretary for Chinese Affairs was present and ordered the elimination of all demands excepting those with regard to wages, and declared void an agreement which had been come to between ten Chinese bakeries and their employers. After this meeting the men questioned their respective employers as to whether they were going to agree to their terms, or abide by the instructions of the S.C.A. Eight of the firms agreed, but Hop Hing refused, and as a consequence their men struck. The Dorabjee bakers came out because they claimed that the shop affixed to this agreement was inadequate. The Bakers Guild claim to be neutral.

The four firms now affected by the strike are, Cafe Wiseman, M. Y. San, Hop Hing and Dorabjee. Cafe Wiseman are turning out the same amount of bread as usual, by taking advantage of naval and military assistance.

A CANTON TRAGEDY.

MURDER FOLLOWS DISPUTE OVER
A RICKSHA FARE.

A very tragic shooting affair was reported at Canton in which two persons were killed and four others wounded.

A ricksha coolie accused a soldier of not paying the legal fare. This angered the soldier who struck the coolie on the head with the butt of his revolver. A policeman in the vicinity interfered and had the soldier arrested. On the way to the police station, the soldier suddenly drew his revolver and killed the policeman outright. Fearing the consequences of his crime, he ran into a shop nearby and demanded from the inmates some civilian clothes and shoes, threatening to shoot them if they refused. He was thus able to discard his uniform and don a long coat, and in this disguise tried to make good his escape. But a number of policemen were on his track and when the soldier saw he was being overtaken he fired at his pursuers. A police inspector was wounded in the chest and died almost instantaneously while two other policemen received shots in their shoulders. The murderer continued his flight but his attire aroused the suspicion of another policeman who accosted him. The murderer tackled the policeman and disabled him by a severe kick in a vital part of the body. Other assistance came, however, and the desperate man was with some difficulty arrested. When searched he was found in possession of an unloaded revolver and a card bearing his name and the battalion to which he belonged. The condition of two of the wounded policemen is described as very critical.

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE.

MOTOR-CAR DRIVER BEFORE THE
COURT.

As the result of a motor-car collision on the Chan Wam Road, New Territories, on October 27th when the foreman of a gang of road repairs was knocked down and fatally injured, dying the same day in the Kwong Wah Hospital, Lai Sik, the driver of the car was yesterday afternoon charged before Mr. E. E. Lindell, at the Magistracy, with manslaughter.

Evidence of the terrible injuries received by the deceased was given by Dr. K. K. Wong, of the Kwong Wah Hospital. In addition to a number of compound fractures, the man's skin was peeled from off his chest and from off both legs. This, the doctor suggested, was due to scalding tar which had just been laid on the road and upon which the unfortunate man fell. When admitted to the hospital he was too weak to be operated upon. In fact he was in a dying condition when admitted.

The evidence of a coolie, who was one of the road repairing gang, engaged in tarring a section of the road, was to the effect that the car approached the gang at a very fast speed, and after knocking the foreman down, it dragged his body along the road over the newly sprayed tar for a distance of some fifty or sixty feet.

As the coolie was not quite clear in some of his statements, Mr. T. H. King, the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Kowloon, said that he wished to produce further evidence from the road repairing gang to give further details as to the collision.

The case was adjourned to Thursday next at 2.15 p.m. The defendant was represented in Court by Mr. M. K. Lo.

INDIAN WATCHMAN SENT
TO PRISON.FOR STEALING SOCKS FROM A
HAWKER.

An unemployed Indian watchman was charged before Mr. Lindell at the Magistracy, yesterday, with stealing six pairs of socks from a street hawker in Wing Sing Street, Yau-mati.

The hawker told his Worship that on the previous day at 2 p.m. he was standing in the street with his basket when the defendant came along and looked at his stock of socks. Presently a school-boy came along and said he wanted to buy some socks. Witness handed the boy a pair and the defendant then grabbed a bundle and ran away. The complainant pursued the man and caught him five shops away. The defendant then had three pairs of socks in his hand and three more pairs were later found in his pocket.

The defendant's tale was that he went up to the man to buy a pair of socks. The hawker asked 20 cents. He offered 15 cents. The school boy came along and offered 12 cents. The Indian immediately lowered his offer to 10 cents. The hawker became annoyed at this and dropped the socks into a basket which he was carrying and afterwards charged him with stealing them.

Evidence in corroboration of the complainant's statement having been given, the Magistrate ordered the defendant to be sent to prison for three weeks.

General Wu Pei Fu in recent orders to the officials of the province of Honan says: "Be believed the reports as to the strength of the bandits in the province have been grossly exaggerated by this district officials. Not one-tenth of the alleged number of bandits are in possession of modern weapons, and the troops should have no difficulty in defeating the bandits if they attack them regardless of reports as to their number. The General reminds the commanders of troops that it is not more numbers that count in modern warfare, but modern weapons and organisation."

COMPANY MEETING.

CHINA LIGHT AND POWER CO.,
LIMITED.

NEW SHARE ISSUE APPROVED.

An extraordinary general meeting of the China Light and Power Co. (1919) Limited, was held at the offices of Messrs. Shaw, Tones & Co., the General Managers of the Company, at St. George's Buildings, yesterday morning. The chair was taken by Mr. R. G. Shawan, whilst others present were Mr. H. P. White (Consulting Committee), Mr. Poo I Cho (secretary) and the following shareholders—Messrs. J. M. Alves, A. A. Corderio, A. S. Ellis, C. A. da Rosa, F. J. Tavares, A. Botscho, J. Topping, E. H. Taylor, F. M. Ellis, A. V. Apar, and A. A. Guterres.

The object of the meeting was to pass the following ordinary resolutions:—
1. That the authorized capital of the Company (which is now \$1,000,000, consisting of 200,000 shares of the nominal value of \$5 each the whole of which have been issued) be increased to \$2,000,000 by the creation of 200,000 additional shares of the nominal value of \$5 each ranking (subject as hereinafter mentioned) for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the shares existing in the Company's present issued capital.
2. That the said 200,000 new shares be offered in the first instance (in the proportion of one new share for every old share held by them respectively) to the Members of the Company who on the 14th day of December, 1922, are registered in the Company's Share Register as the holders of the said 200,000 old shares at par and so that on acceptance of the offer the amount due in respect of each 200,000 shares shall be payable in two instalments viz.—the sum of \$2.50 part thereof on the 2nd day of January, 1923, and the sum of \$2.50 the balance thereof on the 1st day of March, 1923.

And further that the said 200,000 new shares shall *vis-à-vis* the said 200,000 old shares only rank for dividend as from the 2nd day of January, 1923, in respect of the amount payable thereon on that date and as from the 1st day of March, 1923, in respect of the full nominal value thereof.

And that such offer be made by notice specifying the number of shares to which the member is entitled and limiting a time within which the offer if not accepted by the member on behalf of himself or his nominee will be deemed to be declined and that the General Managers be at liberty to extend the time for such acceptance to such date or dates as they may think fit in the case of shareholders whose place of address is not in Hongkong. And further that any of the said 200,000 new shares which shall not be taken up by the Company's shareholders in manner aforesaid be disposed of in such manner at such time or times and upon such terms as the Company's General Managers shall in their absolute discretion think fit.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen.—At an extraordinary general meeting held on November 25th, the proposal to issue new Capital in shares of \$5 each at a premium of \$5 was, as you know, opposed and a poll was demanded. Since then an understanding has been come to with the dissentient shareholders, the demand for a poll has been withdrawn and a new method for calling up further capital has been agreed upon which is fully set forth in the resolution now before you. We still think that the original scheme was the best in the interests of the Company, but we appreciate the arguments against it and in any case must bow to the wishes of the majority. I now propose the first resolution.

Mr. da Rosa seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The Chairman: I now propose the second resolution.

Mr. Alves seconded, and the resolution was carried.

The Chairman: I have much pleasure, gentlemen, in inviting Mr. da Rosa to join the Consulting Committee of this Company, and I hope he will see his way clear to accept.

Mr. Alves: I am sure Mr. da Rosa will give you to the full of his worth, and we all know him to be a worthy man.

Mr. da Rosa thanked the meeting, and accepted the invitation.

The Chairman: Thank you Mr. da Rosa. I have done this to show that we have only the interests of the Company at heart. We are not antagonistic in any way, and are always ready to give assistance if it be for the good of the company. The meeting then closed.

TWO MORE HIGHWAY
ROBBERIES.ANOTHER CASE IN KENNEDY
ROAD.

Another highway robbery took place in Kennedy Road, on Tuesday. A shopkeeper of No. 16, Ship Street, was walking along the road close to the entrance into Ship Street. He noticed four men sitting on a bench. Directly he passed them they rose and started to run after him. The shopkeeper was overtaken, and the robbers asked him to hand over his long coat. He refused and one of the men pressed a dagger against his side. Another man searched his pockets and took from him the sum of \$1.30.

ARMED ROBBERY AT POKFULUM.

Armed robbers raided two Chinese houses at Pokfulum village shortly after Wednesday midnight. One of these houses was owned by a Chinese House Company, the other by a private individual. The robbers, who afterwards reported the affair to the police, said that they were awakened by the noise of some one breaking down the door of the first house. Cries of "stealing things" were heard. He rushed to the door and was confronted with a man holding a revolver. He ordered him to keep quiet. While he was held up his house was searched and opium valued at \$87 was stolen. From the adjoining house clothing and jewellery were stolen to the value of \$116.

THE APPEAL COURT.

[BEFORE THEIR LORDSHIPS SIR WM. REES DAVIES (PRESIDING), MR. SKINNER TURNER AND MR. H. H. GOMPERTZ.]

THE ARBITRATION DISPUTE.

MR. NEMAZEE'S APPEAL FAILS.

Judgment has been given in the case in which Mr. H. M. Z. Nemazee appealed against an order made by the Chief Justice for the enforcement of an arbitration award for \$43,704.88 secured by the Yu Fong Steamship Co.

Mr. Justice Skinner Turner, Chief Judge of H.M. Supreme Court at Shanghai, was the first to give his judgment. He reviewed the facts briefly, and said that by a bond dated December 29th, 1921, the appellant and the respondents referred to arbitration by Mr. J. A. Plummer certain disputes involving claims by the respondent against the appellant amounting to \$109,545.43. By the award dated June 18th, 1922, the Arbitrator gave the respondents \$43,704.88. On April 10th, 1922, the respondents applied in the usual way by an originating summons for leave to enforce the award. But the appellant resisted that application on the ground that he had a *bona fide* cross-claim against the defendants for a larger amount than that awarded. Therefore, the summary remedy sought by the respondents was inapplicable and they must be left to their other remedy and bring an action on the award. This, his lordship continued, was the only point argued before them and on it the appellants must stand or fall. "Having regard to the claims of the respondents," his lordship went on to say, "it seems to me to be inequitable (to say the least) that the loser in an arbitration should be able to deprive the winner of the fruits of his victory merely by alleging a cross-demand, even though he was unable to put it forward before the Arbitrator just as it is inequitable again, that the award is of such a sacrosanct that it could only be attacked on the ground of its invalidity. . . . It would be extremely unjust to force the respondents to take action on the award now. They have shown nothing to lead the Court to deprive them of the benefit of the award. The onus is on the appellant to provide some substantial and satisfactory grounds for refusing to give the respondents what they are *prima facie* entitled to. In my opinion they have entirely failed to show any. . . . I think the appeal must be dismissed with costs."

Mr. Justice Gompertz giving his judgment, said that two points were urged before the Court against the decision of the Chief Justice. The first was that section 12 of the Arbitration Act was never intended to deprive the defendant, when he had a *bona fide* cross-claim, of the rights he had prior to 1889. The second point was that Section 12 of the Act only applied in clear cases. Then the question arose whether the Arbitration Act of 1889 had taken away the discretionary powers of the Courts in the Judgment Act, or had so limited that power that it was only exercisable where invalidity or illegality was alleged. In his opinion the granting of the summary process under the Arbitration Act remained discretionary. He did not think the present case one in which leave to enforce the award should be refused. The order of the Chief Justice was rightly made and the appeal failed—with the usual consequences.

His lordship Sir William Rees Davies, Chief Justice, who made the order of enforcement, very briefly expressed his agreement with the judgments of his colleagues.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin was the counsel for the appellant and Mr. Eldon Potter for the respondents.

SPORT.

HOCKEY.

HONGKONG H.C. v. "TAMAR."

The Hongkong Hockey Club won the match against M.L.S. Tamar on Wednesday by 5 to 2, the goals being scored by F. C. Miller (3) and W. Woodward (1).

CRICKET.

CHINESE R.C. v. INDIAN R.C.

In this match, to be played on Saturday at 2.15 p.m. on the Chinese Recreation Club ground, the following will represent the Indians—A. el Arculli (capt.), A. H. Madar, J. S. Currie, S. H. Ismail, S. D. Ismail, S. A. Ismail, E. A. Moosdeen, S. A. Ramjahn, Sirdar Khan, N. Kitchell and A. N. Other. Reserve: A. H. Ramjahn.

INDIAN R.C. v. H.M.S. "AMBROSE."

This game will take place on Saturday at 2.15 p.m. at Sootunpoo Valley. The Indians and H.M.S. will be composed of E. Moosdeen (capt.), H. Nazam, P. Ramjahn, O. Ramjahn, H. D. Ramjahn, A. K. Minna, E. Ramjahn, A. Kitchell, J. Kitcher, F. M. Arculli and A. Wamby. Reserve: A. B. M. Bamy.

H.K.C.C. v. H.M.S. CIVIL SERVICE.

The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club and H.M.S. Civil Service: 2nd XI, to-morrow, at Happy Valley commencing at 2.15 p.m. sharp: J. D. H. Crawford, G. H. Piercy, D. Reid, J. R. Way, W. Galloway, H. E. Holland, H. W. Roger, E. W. Alderson, H. Spicer, W. Brackenridge, and W. Fraser.

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To Receive from the Committee a Report, Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th September, 1922.
To Consider, and if thought expedient, pass a Resolution continuing the additional subscription of \$2.00 per month until the 31st December, 1924.

To Elect Officers, Members of the Committee, and an Auditor for the ensuing year.
To Decide on any Resolution which may be submitted to the Secretaries and Treasurers four days prior to the Meeting.

Any Other Business.
By Order of the Committee, **PERCY SMITH, SETH & FLEMING,** Secretaries & Treasurers. Hongkong, 7th December, 1922.

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon, To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining undelivered after the 18th inst., at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 18th inst., or they will not be recognized. All damaged packages will be examined on Monday, the 18th inst., at 10 A.M., by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. **R. RODENFUSSE,** Acting Agent. Hongkong, 12th December, 1922. [1912]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM HUMBURG AND ANTWERP.

THE SS. "SIERRA MORENA"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless intimation is given to the contrary before noon to-day.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on 15th inst., at 10 A.M., by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

All claims must be presented within 15 days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 16th inst., will be subject to rent.

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Hongkong, 11th December, 1922. [1904]

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AMERICA'S SHIP SUBSIDY BILL.

The United States Ship Subsidy Bill, is announced, has been "side-tracked." This does not necessarily mean that it is definitely retired into "obscurity." We have very little doubt that notwithstanding all that has been urged against it, the Bill, sooner or later, will be passed into law, for the supreme question involved is not the cost of the subsidy but gain or loss of national prestige. It is true that President HARDING in his message to Congress declared the passage of the Bill to be imperative if "staggering Government losses" are to be avoided, but it seems to us that the difference between paying losses on working out of the Government treasury and paying an annual subsidy is a difference without a distinction. On the hearing of the Bill on national prestige we observe that Rear-Admiral W. F. FULLAM, retired, who was senior officer in command of the Pacific Fleet in 1917-18, contributed to the HARBOR newspaper agitation in favour of the Bill an article saying that the defeat of the Bill "means the hauling down of the American flag from the Pacific, and Tokyo's dictation in the Commerce of the East." "The Japanese," he states, "have a geographic advantage in the struggle with the maritime nations of Europe in the carrying trade of the Pacific. When the United States hauls down the Stars and Stripes in an abject commercial surrender of the sea from San Diego to Puget Sound and Alaska, the Pacific becomes a Japanese lake. Americans will take passage to the Far East and to South America in Japanese ships and send their products to Chinese and South American ports under the Japanese flag. Passenger and freight rates, moreover, will be fixed by Tokyo. American gold paid by American farmers and manufacturers for the shipment of

goods will pour into Japanese pockets and banks." That is the sort of propaganda likely to make a strong appeal to the American people, and, for the sake of national prestige, nations all the world over are usually prepared to make considerable sacrifices. Though we have not actually seen the argument used we have no doubt advocates of the Subsidy Bill in America have sought to reconcile the public to the cost of the subsidy by pointing out that "the savings in Naval estimates as a consequence of the Washington Conference, make an increase of taxation unnecessary in order to pay a subsidy designed to give the nation rank and prestige in the world as a mercantile power. But the very fact that the Ship Subsidy Bill has not had a smooth passage through Congress, affords evidence that there are influential Americans who foresee that an enactment of this kind in America is certain to lead the United States into grave international difficulties not likely to benefit the trade and commerce of the United States or to engender that spirit of peace and amity in the world which the Washington Conference hoped to promote. President HARDING recognised from the first that there was determined hostility to the measure, but felt that there were no other means to create a great American merchant marine. Moreover, he might have pleaded, if he has not done so, that the United States would not be the first Power to create a great merchant marine by national subsidy. His position has been that the question must be considered from the view point of American interests, and we can safely conclude that it is from that viewpoint alone that the Bill has been discussed and mangled in the national tribunal, and its progress towards the statute book arrested. One thing that the discussions make clear is that the present mercantile fleet cannot be maintained without "staggering losses" which must come in some form or other out of the national treasury. When that support is denied the fleet will be reduced to very small dimensions. It is for Congress to decide whether that will be to America's best interest.

Another evening of music and dancing at the Palace Hotel, Kowloon, is announced for to-morrow.

Mr. D. W. Tratman, District Officer at Taipo, is to be married shortly to Miss R. E. Malory Farmer, matron of the Peak Hospital.

Kailan Mining Administration announces a final dividend of 3 1/2 per cent. free of income tax for the year ended June 30th last.

A Sale of Work is being held in the Diocesan Girls' School, Kowloon, to-morrow (Saturday) from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in aid of the School Fund.—ADVT.

This (Friday) afternoon, the last of Mr. Temple Bavan's Musical Recitals for children will be given at the Helena May Institute, and Miss Jean Lowson will sing. Mr. Bavan regrets that he is unable to arrange the recital which was to have taken place on December 23rd.—ADVT.

At a largely attended meeting of the members of the Institution of the Engineers and Shipbuilders held in the Institute last evening, presided over by the President of the Institute (Mr. G. J. Harman), it was decided to hold the annual ball on January 26th in the City Hall.

Japanese papers have revived the story, current at any time in China during the past few years, that the ex-Emperor Hsuan Tung is about to leave the Forbidden City to go abroad. The Japanese version of the case is that he will leave early next year on a world tour, the first country to be visited being Japan.

The movements of an American named E. Brown, who was staying at an inn at Keelung, Formosa, recently attracted the attention of the police, says the *Quen Anshu*. The authorities suspected him of photographing in the fortification zone. They were disappointed when Mr. Brown left, unexpectedly for Hongkong. Spymania is still in fashion.

In the course of an article advocating the formation of a Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for Hankow, the *Central China Post* points out that the Chinese people are not naturally addicted to cruelty, and that much of that inflicted on the lower animals is due to the lack of imagination. Some years ago, it is pointed out, the Chinese in Hankow started a Society for the Salvation of Dogs, the idea of which was to purchase from the Municipal Council the wretched, half-starved pariahs which the authorities had impounded. The proposal was to ship them across the Yangtze to Wuchang, on whose grassy fields they might enjoy a happy existence. This was duly carried out, but unfortunately all the dogs found their way back again to Hankow, and the Municipal Council found it necessary to raise the price of the dogs to a prohibitive figure and so the society came to an end.

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THE PEAK SCHOOL.

ANNUAL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

The prize distribution at the Peak School yesterday afternoon proved to be quite a jolly little function. Parents turned up in large numbers to see their children carry off their rewards, and were entertained very charmingly by the children themselves and the staff.

A very enjoyable little concert was given by the children, the biggest success, perhaps, being Alistair Parker Rees and Ailsa Morrison in a quaint little sketch entitled "The Elf and the Dormouse." A Scotch reel, too, was very daintily executed by eight of the scholars, whilst Bruce Sutherland recited in quite a masterly fashion. Songs, by the infants were also given and enjoyed.

The prizes were presented by Mrs. Claud Severn, who was afterwards presented with a beautiful bouquet by one of the children, and thanked for her services with three hearty cheers.

Among those also present were Lady Rees-Davies, the Rev. H. Copley Moyle, The Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving (Director of Education) and Mrs. Irving, and Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe.

The headmistress (Mrs. Stark) read the following report:—

Attendance.—The school opened on January 5th with 66 pupils; the number of pupils present this month is 58. The attendance generally has been more regular than in 1921; during the summer term there was a distinct improvement.

Health.—The health of the school has been good, only one or two cases of eyes and teeth requiring attention.

Buildings.—Two of the class rooms are being enlarged. On account of this, the school is closing a week earlier than usual. It is expected that the alterations will be completed before school re-opens on the 8th January next.

Staff.—The staff consists of the Head Mistress and three Assistant Mistresses. Mrs. Mackintosh left in September and was replaced by Miss Cooper, B.A., Madame Mousion visits the school for French, and Mrs. Ross for games and physical training, while the Rev. H. Copley Moyle kindly gives Bible Lessons to the older children.

Fees.—Fees are now paid by the term, in advance. There are three terms in the year beginning respectively in January, April and September.

Studies.—The usual school subjects have been studied, and the work done has been generally satisfactory. There have not been any children old enough to enter for the University Local Examinations. A new syllabus has been prepared for the British schools, and as far as possible these schools will use the same text books, so that pupils who find it necessary to be transferred from one school to another will carry on with the same syllabus and the same books.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE REMEDY FOR EUROPE.
AMERICAN FINANCIER
EXPRESSES OPINION.

WASHINGTON, December 13th.
Addressing the National Association of Credit Men, Mr. Burton, a member of the Allied Debt Funding Association, said that in his opinion the remedy for Europe did not lay in the cancellation of indebtedness to America, but in the adoption of more rational fiscal policies, the abatement of military expenses and the substitution of more sensible and just relations for the present distrust and repulsion.

"THE GREATEST POSSIBLE
INDEMNITY."

He did not advocate releasing Germany from the greatest possible indemnity, but, on the other hand, he did not desire to reduce her people to the condition of serfs.

HOW AMERICA CAN HELP.

In his opinion America could best help by taking a firm stand on the fundamental principles of her foreign policy, for example, the open door everywhere, and by insisting on the common use of international channels of settlement for international controversies, by arbitration.

STERLING EXCHANGE.

PREPARATIONS FOR A FREE GOLD
MARKET.

NEW YORK, December 13th.
In connection with the advance in sterling exchange, reports were to-day circulated that the British Government is purchasing dollar credits and shipping the gold, in order to establish a large reserve fund in the United States, against the time when sterling will again be at par, and a free gold market re-established in London.

STERLING STRONGER.

LONDON, December 13th.
A conspicuous feature of the London Exchange Market is the strength of sterling on New York, attributed primarily to the soundness of British credit. Sterling touched 4.69 and closed at 4.66.

INDIAN COTTON MILL STRIKE

SERIOUS DISTURBANCES IN
BENGAL.

ALLAHABAD, December 13th.
Serious rioting has taken place at Rajnandgaon in connection with a strike in Bengal at the Nagpur cotton Mills. Crowds of strikers stoned the police, who were arresting the disturbers. The police fired, killing one and wounding nine. Seventeen police were injured.

WORLD-WIDE SHORTAGE IN
OIL, METALS AND COTTON.

A SENSATIONAL FORECAST.

LONDON, December 13th.
A sensational forecast regarding the future was made by Sir E. Mackay Edgar in an interview upon his return from America.

He declared that the American demand for oil, metals and cotton was increasing at such a rate that a world-wide shortage was inevitable. He pointed out that the United States is at present consuming seventy per cent. of her own cotton crop, and said he was of the opinion that the time was approaching when she would import. As regards oil, she had already reached the importing stage.

[Sir Edward Mackay Edgar is a member of the firm of Spelling & Co., Merchant Bankers, London.]

DUTCH STATE LOAN BILL.

TO CONSOLIDATE FLOATING
DEBT.

THE HAGUE, December 13th.
A Bill has been tabled for a State Loan not exceeding 350,000,000 florins, with the object of consolidating the floating debt. The loan will be redeemable in fifty years.

THE "BLESSINGS" OF
COMMUNISM.UNEMPLOYMENT, STRIKES AND
STARVATION.

RUSSIA, December 13th.
Messages from Moscow state that on account of the non-payment of wages, strikes have broken out in the Petrograd, Kharkov, Ural and Don regions.

Seventy-three thousand unemployed have registered at Petrograd, while large numbers have registered elsewhere. Unemployment is rapidly increasing, and thousands are suffering from hunger in South Ukraine.

HOME FOOTBALL.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE MATCH.

SHARONAH, December 14th.
The deferred match, Airdrieonians v. Third Lanark, resulted in a win for the former by one goal to nil.

Partick Thistle defeated St. Mirren by 4 goals to 1.

EARLIER CABLES.

WHO SHALL RULE THE
WAVES?BRITAIN'S POSITION TO BE
SAFEGUARDED.

LONDON, December 13th.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Becker drew attention to the reports that the United States were going to build the most powerful navy in the world by building smaller ships than specified in the Washington Treaty, and asked what steps it was intended to take in order to see that Britain did not lose her sea supremacy.

Colonel Amery replied that no restriction was placed on the contracting Powers with regard to the number of warships they might build in conformity with articles eleven and twelve of the Washington Treaty. The Admiralty could be relied upon to scrutinise carefully the building programmes of other Powers with a view to safeguarding our naval position.

DELAYED RATIFICATION OF
WASHINGTON TREATY.

LONDON, December 13th.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Morel, Mr. Bonar Law said the British Government had set no time limit to the ratification of the Washington Treaty, nor, as far as he was aware, had the United States, but the Government was gravely disappointed at the continued delay in ratification by two of the signatory Powers. He was of opinion, however, that it would be premature to consider action by the Government in the event of non-ratification by a signatory, which he sincerely hoped would never arise.

ANOTHER WASHINGTON
CONFERENCE?

WASHINGTON, December 13th.

Reporting on the annual Naval Bill to the House of Representatives, the Appropriations Committee makes a proposal that the President should negotiate with Britain, France, Italy and Japan for an agreement limiting future construction of all surface and submarine types of war-craft of a tonnage not exceeding ten thousand, and all classes of military and naval aircraft.

The committee points out that the disarmament conference had not limited the numbers of smaller warships, and says information has reached Congress that already large building programmes are planned to the maximum permitted under the disarmament agreement, and new and larger types of submarine craft have begun to appear.

It adds that in other words competition is proceeding again, where the ratified agreement does not extend, and if unchecked the Government, like all others, will be constrained to launch a new programme to keep abreast with the other Powers.

The committee proposes the provision of \$50,000,000 in the coming year for the completion of fifty-six warships allowed under the disarmament treaty, being fourteen million more than was recommended in the budget.

SURPLUS SILVER COINAGE.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT PLANS
WITHDRAWAL.

LONDON, December 13th.

In the House of Commons a vote of 275,000 to meet the cost of withdrawing the surplus silver coinage was carried by 222 to 131 votes. Mr. Baldwin explained that owing to the increase of silver coin in Britain in wartime the mint profits during the four years of the war were 12 millions sterling, but after the war the country's currency was vastly larger than was needed.

Mr. Gershom Stewart urged that the good old honest money should be issued, but Mr. Darbyshire pointed out that if silver coinage represented its full face value it would disappear from the country whenever there was a scarcity of silver.

U.S. DEFENCE FORCE.

REORGANISATION COMMISSION'S
RECOMMENDATIONS.

WASHINGTON, December 13th.

The Governmental Reorganisation Commission has recommended to President Harding the consolidation of the Departments of War and of the Navy in a Department of National Defence, which would function under a member of the Cabinet, assisted by the respective chiefs of the army and navy.

INTER-VARSITY SOCCER.

CAMBRIDGE AGAIN BEAT OXFORD.

LONDON, December 13th.

At the Crystal Palace, in the Association football match, Cambridge beat Oxford by two goals to nil.

There were three thousand people present. The weather was dull. Prior to the start, the headmaster of Winchester unveiled the Corinthian war memorial.

Oxford had the better of matters in the first half but both sides were weak in front of goal. There was no score at the interval. In the second half, Cambridge improved, Sorensen scoring after half an hour. Near the end, Douthwaite added the second goal.

M.O.C. BEAT PRETORIA.

PRETORIA, December 13th.

In a two-day cricket match, Pretoria knocked out 137, Kennedy taking 6 for 19. The M.O.C. replied with 247 for 4. Russell and Carr contributed 77 and 63 respectively.

EARLIER CABLES.

SCENE IN PARLIAMENT.
LABOUR MEMBERS THREATEN
"DIRECT ACTION."

LONDON, December 13th.

The House of Commons adjourned at seven this morning after an all-night sitting, due to obstruction by the Labour members as a protest against the alleged inadequacy of the Government's unemployment measures.

A storm was aroused among the Labour Party by Mr. Baldwin moving the closure at 8.00. Loud angry cries of "Shame" arose, and Mr. Kirkwood (a Labour member) declared it was a disgrace. He said he had led the unemployed again if necessary. The well-fed Ministers were not going to treat Labour in this fashion. He would not stand in from the best men in England. He asserted the Government had heaped insults on the Labour Party, but they would fight to the death. (Ministerial laughter.) They would fight if necessary in the streets. If the Government did not yield to them constitutionally, the Labour Party would then take what they asked for unconstitutionally. It would only be the beginning.

The closure was carried by 147 to 61, some Labour members abstaining at the last.

The resolution having been carried, Mr. Baldwin introduced the Consolidated Fund Bill amid loud Labour cries of "Shame" and much hooting. The sitting then adjourned.

UPROAR AT QUESTION TIME.

LONDON, December 13th.

There was an uproar in the House of Commons at question time, arising from Mr. Bonar Law's refusal of a demand by Mr. Lansbury that the House should continue its session till some means had been found to relieve the distress of the unemployed. Mr. Lansbury denounced "the callous indifference" of the Ministers with regard to unemployment.

Mr. Bonar Law replied that the Government was doing its utmost, and a continued sitting of Parliament would not help.

Several Labour members then, disregarding the Speaker's authority, tried to address the House, amid an uproar. The prohibitionist, Mr. Scrymgeour, was most prominent, and shouted "It is a scandal." He demanded that the House should pay attention to the serious problem of the unemployed.

MR. BONAR LAW ATTACKED.

Mr. Lansbury declared that nothing had been done, and the people were starving, while the House of Commons did not care.

Mr. Kirkwood (Labour) passionately attacked Mr. Bonar Law and declared that he was useless and ought to resign.

Mr. Scrymgeour, amid a tumult, appealed to Mr. Ramsey MacDonald, but the leader of the Labour Party did not intervene. Order was finally restored, after the Speaker had appealed to the members to support the chair and Mr. Bonar Law had pointed out that the matter could not be discussed at question time.

LATEST CABLES.

LAUSANNE DISCUSSIONS.

ALLIED PROPOSALS REGARDING
MINORITIES ACCEPTED.

LAUSANNE, December 13th.

Turkey has accepted the Allied proposals in regard to minorities, on the same basis as the treaties affecting neighbouring states.

EARLIER CABLES.

THE QUESTION OF MINORITIES.

LAUSANNE, December 13th.

Ismet Pasha, replying to Lord Curzon, declared the Turks were ready to allow two hundred thousand Greeks to remain at Constantinople while the Turks, who had to leave Greece under the exchange system, should be adequately compensated for their property.

Turkey was willing to let the Armenians stay in Turkey, but would not consent to any cession of territory as a national home for the Armenians, and would not agree to the establishment of an international commission at Constantinople to supervise the carrying out of the Turkish obligations towards minorities.

LORD CURZON DISSATISFIED WITH
TURKISH ATTITUDE.

LAUSANNE, December 13th.

Lord Curzon's plain speaking to the Turks this morning at the meeting of the first commission, raised the question in some quarters whether it signifies the break-up of the conference. It is believed by well-informed parties, however, that the Turks after reconsideration will adopt a more moderate attitude. Lord Curzon expressed strong dissatisfaction with Ismet Pasha's speech, and declared that if the conference broke down on the question of minorities the Turks would not find support anywhere outside Angora.

LATEST CABLES.

EX-PRESIDENT WILSON.

LIKELY RE-ENTRY INTO POLITICS.

NEW YORK, December 13th.

It is announced that ex-President Wilson severs his partnership with the law firm Wilson and Colby on December 31st. The foregoing announcement, coupled with ex-President Wilson's improved health, is regarded as fore-shadowing the ex-President's active re-entrance into politics.

EARLIER CABLES.

GERMAN REPARATIONS.
FRENCH OPPOSITION TO
MORATORIUM.

PARIS, December 13th.

M. Poincare, interviewed by the *Petit Parisien*, emphasised they could not grant a moratorium to Germany without some pledge. He was convinced that even if the deliberations in January did not result in an agreement there would be no Anglo-French break. Doubtless there would be a nasty period, but Britain was beginning to realise France's situation and the impossibility of her waiting longer for reparations.

FRANCE THREATENS A "LONE
HAND."

There had never been any question in London of seizing any specific pledge. It was certain that whatever action was decided on, it would not be necessary to call up a single man. It was equally certain that the time for uttering threats which would never be executed had passed. France was determined to act separately, even if before January 15th the Reparations Commission voted in favour of a moratorium, but anyhow would not act before January 15th.

DISCUSSION IN HOUSE OF LORDS.

LONDON, December 13th.

Representative views by non-Government Peers on reparations and inter-Ally debt questions were voiced in the House of Lords to-night. Lord Birkenhead hailed the Premier's indication of policy, and emphasised the very heavy taxation to which Britain had submitted, while other nations, including our debtors, had not made comparable demands on their nationals. He pointed out in this connection the chronic unemployment in Britain, while there was no unemployment in France and practically none in Italy. He disapproved the French proposals for securities in connection with the grant of a moratorium.

LORD GREY'S OPINIONS.

Lord Grey, in a weighty contribution to the discussion, advised a broad policy of remission of debt by Britain in the interest of the economic restoration of Europe. The reparations question was bound up with this. He urged the desirability of again summoning an international commission of bankers, and further pressing the necessity for developing and strengthening the League of Nations. Disclaiming provocative language, he broadly hinted at a suggestion that Britain would not consider a remission of inter-Ally debts if the unofficial French report was correct to the effect that France did not intend to ratify the Washington Treaty and was likely to spend money on a new type of warship. He proceeded to present a very sympathetic view of French feeling in consequence of the absolute disappearance of the Franco-American treaties guaranteeing France against German aggression, and concluded with an expression of disagreement with the view that the nation was ensured security by occupying foreign territory.

COLONIAL ADMINISTRATION.

THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE'S
POLICY.

LONDON, December 13th.

The Duke of Devonshire was entertained to luncheon at the Nigerian Dinner Club. He said his one desire was to pay attention to the legitimate affairs of the Colonial Office and not to extraneous matters, which the somewhat voracious appetite of his predecessor had brought into the Colonial Office. He desired the Colonies to regard him not merely as head of the office but as a friend.

"If you had any anxiety, you can now rest assured that I will not interfere with the man on the spot where he is doing admirable work."

DUTCH OIL TAX.

CREATES UNEASY FEELING.

THE HAGUE, December 13th.

A meeting of directors of the Royal Dutch Company has decided to pay an interim dividend of ten per cent. in January. This dividend is smaller than previously, owing to the great uncertainty with regard to taxation in the Dutch Indies.

BELGIAN EXCHANGE.

FOUR SPECULATORS ARRESTED.

ANTWERP, December 13th.

Four exchange brokers at Antwerp and one at Brussels have been arrested in connection with exchange speculations, to which the fall of the Belgian franc is attributed.

U.S. SHIP SUBSIDY BILL.

TEMPORARILY HELD OVER.

WASHINGTON, December 13th.

Opponents of the Ship Subsidy Bill have succeeded in side-tracking the measure in favour of farm credits legislation, which becomes the immediate order of business.

ANTHRAX CONTROL.

HIDES TO BE STERILIZED.

LONDON, December 13th.

The International Anthrax Committee has passed a resolution in favour of sterilizing hides and skins before they are treated industrially.

MORE PASSAGE REDUCTIONS.

LONDON, December 13th.

The White Star line announces a reduction of its fares between Liverpool and Australia.

FAR EASTERN CABLE
NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE ALLEGED "CHINA HOUSE"
FRAUDS.

LESLIE HAYNES ARRESTED.

LONDON, December 14th.

Edwin Alexander Enver and William Henry Bennett (who were arrested on the 7th inst.), and also Leslie Ernest Haynes are charged at the Westminster Police Court with "conspiracy with others to cheat persons who could be induced to invest money in the Humphrey and Denman Company."

Counsel for the Crown said the company dealt in a number of subsidiary concerns supposedly interested in mines in China, including the Hengchow Company, registered in 1920 with a capital \$50,000. The Hengchow Company entered into an agreement with a Mr. Grant, a mining engineer, whereby Grant sold to the Company certain rights and interests. Grant said he had a number of fully-paid up shares of the face value of only \$20. As far as counsel knew, this was the only property of the Hengchow Company in China.

The firm of Humphrey and Denman Co. was registered in 1918, and as far as counsel knew, did nothing. Humphrey and Denman were the sole directors and shareholders till the end of 1921, when it appeared they resigned and were succeeded by Enver, McCarthy and Company which entered into an agreement with the Hengchow Company whereby they took over fifty shares of the Hengchow Company for \$30,000, and agreed to take up a further fifty when representatives of the companies arrived in China to verify the mines.

Subsequently advertisements appeared in the papers inviting people to take up positions of trust in the Far East and invest \$2,000 to \$5,000. They were to receive salary and commission. Lieut. General Sir Charles Kavanagh answered an advertisement and agreed to go to China to verify the Company's title to mines, Enver giving him \$250 as expenses, and General Kavanagh paying \$250 for a number of shares. General Kavanagh went to China and shortly afterwards a prospectus was issued, General Kavanagh's name heading the list of directors.

Colonel McTaggart also invested \$500 and went to China, whence General Kavanagh and he reported that the effects of the Company in China were valueless. Others invested large sums from which the accused drew some \$25,000. The hearing was adjourned, bail being allowed in \$1,000 each.

KIDNAPPED FOREIGNERS IN
HONAN.

THEIR RELEASE SECURED.

PEKING, December 13th.

Owing to reports that all the foreign captives in Honan have been released, except two French engineers whose release was expected yesterday, the diplomatic body yesterday notified the Waikhaopu (Chinese Foreign Office) that the International Commission of Enquiry would not start for Honan to-day.

Router's Kaifeng correspondent telegraphs "Chang Fu Lai informs me that all foreigners, including the French engineers, have been released from the bandits."

PARLIAMENTARY BYE-
ELECTION.

CONSERVATIVE ELECTED.

LONDON, December 13th.

In the Portsmouth South bye-election, Colonel Leslie Wilson, Conservative, polled 14,301, and Mr. Thomas, Independent, 8,434. The contest was to decide the successor to Major Cayer, who has resigned.

HARRISONS AND CROS-
FIELD'S DIVIDEND.

LONDON, December 13th.

Messrs. Harrisons and Crossfield declare a dividend on preferred and ordinary shares at the rate of ten per cent. per annum, for the six months ending Dec. 31st, less income tax.

A CONTRADICTION.

SYDNEY, December 13th.

The Japanese Consul-General emphatically denies the report of the acquisition of land on the New South Wales coast by Japanese, cabled yesterday.

SIKI-CARPENTIER FIGHT.

PARIS, December 13th.

The newspapers state that Siki has signed a contract to meet Carpentier over twenty rounds. The date of the contest has not been fixed.

BRITAIN AND THE BOXER
INDEMNITY.

COMMENT IN THE "TIMES."

LONDON, December 13th.

The *Times* gives prominence to a dispatch from its Peking correspondent, strongly urging that Great Britain remit the Boxer Indemnity, and devote it to Chinese education.

COMPARATIVELY, A TRIFLING
SACRIFICE.

The message declares that it is impossible for Great Britain to continue to take what the United States, France and Japan are relinquishing. The sacrifice would be trifling compared with what we vainly spend elsewhere, because, plainly we can do good with the money to ourselves and others. Indeed, if we do not make the sacrifice, we are likely to suffer heavily in competition for trade and goodwill.

PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGNS OF OTHER
NATIONS.

We are the biggest trading community in the world, yet we are doing nothing to directly secure the maintenance of British influence among the Chinese; while Japan, America and France are engaging in great propaganda campaigns, with money drawn from China. Plainly, we cannot continue to put in our pockets what others are spending on good works.

JAPANESE PIRATES.

A SENSATIONAL STORY.

TOKYO, December 13th.

A sensational story of piracy on the high seas by a Japanese steamer of 750 tons, the *Taiki Maru*, has developed from an alleged voluntary confession by two members of the crew of the steamer which returned to Tokyo Bay a few days ago.

SHIPS' CREWS MURDERED.

It appears that the *Taiki Maru* sailed for Alexandrovsk in September, and, on approaching the port early in October, boarded two small Russian steamers manned principally by Koreans, and murdered the entire crews. The Captain of one vessel pleaded vainly that his wife and only child were awaiting him ashore. After looting the ships, the pirates returned to the *Taiki Maru*, which then returned to Tokyo Bay. The Captain escaped to Dairen. The police are very actively carrying out investigations.

JAPANESE PRINCE REGENT ILL.

CONDITION NOT SERIOUS.

TOKYO, December 14th.

The Prince Regent is ill with measles. Baron Makino, Minister of the Household, says the Regent's condition is not serious.

A SATISFACTORY BULLETIN.

TOKYO, December 14th.

According to a Bulletin issued at noon to-day, the Prince Regent's temperature is 38.6. The eruption of measles has developed most satisfactorily, and his condition is considered good.

[BY COURTESY OF "THE CHINA MAIL"]

ARMS HAUL ON HONGKONG-BOUND
STEAMER AT SINGAPORE.

SINGAPORE, December 13th.

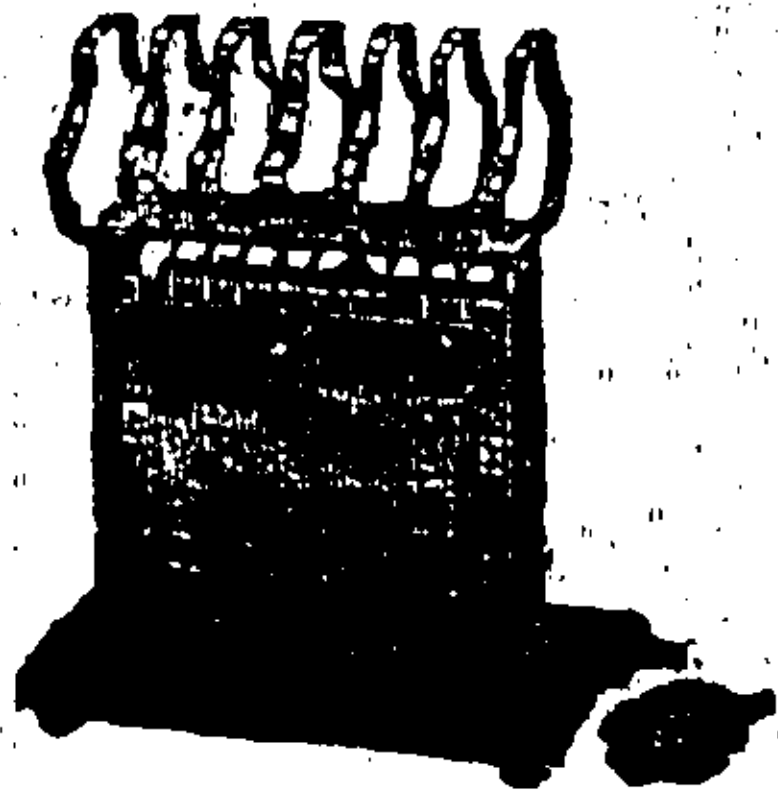
Over 300 pistols and 100,000 rounds of ammunition were seized here yesterday on the Dutch steamer *Reopart* bound for Hongkong from Germany.

THE A.D.C.'S FORTHCOMING
PRODUCTION.

Many critics have lost their hearts to Miranda and no one has excelled Coleridge's praise in delicacy of insight. Let us add but this—Shakespeare has contrived to mould her of frank goodness and yet present her as fascinating, captivating by touches so noble that one can hardly conceive the part adequately rendered save by a princess in real life as noble as she.

She moves to her appointed happiness with fairies and music about her; but she sees no fairies, sings no song, simply walks straight as the dictate of her heart directs, and, so walking, steps straight beyond the magic her father has woven. This incomparable play contains nothing more subtly simple than her unconscious, quite fearless, outstripping of all Prospero's premeditated art. He has drawn around the island a magic circle as that which Ferdinand cannot step across. The play, like "A Midsummer-Night's Dream," plainly celebrates a betrothal and marches to the fruition of marriage joy. There is much music in both; in both the fairies are made absters. But whereas in "A Midsummer-Night's Dream" the fairies were Warwickshire elves, playing their pranks anarchically, at their own sweet fancy, to bewilder mortals, the more rarefied spirits of "The Tempest" obey, under threat, a mortal's compulsion. But Miranda is for the world gently but fearlessly; of the primal instinct that makes homes, builds and populates cities, rebrates and rules the race. Some have objected that this play does not develop; that within Prospero's charmed circle, for the space of three hours, all stands still. In truth a great deal happens, and the ease of its happening is a trick of most cunning preparation.

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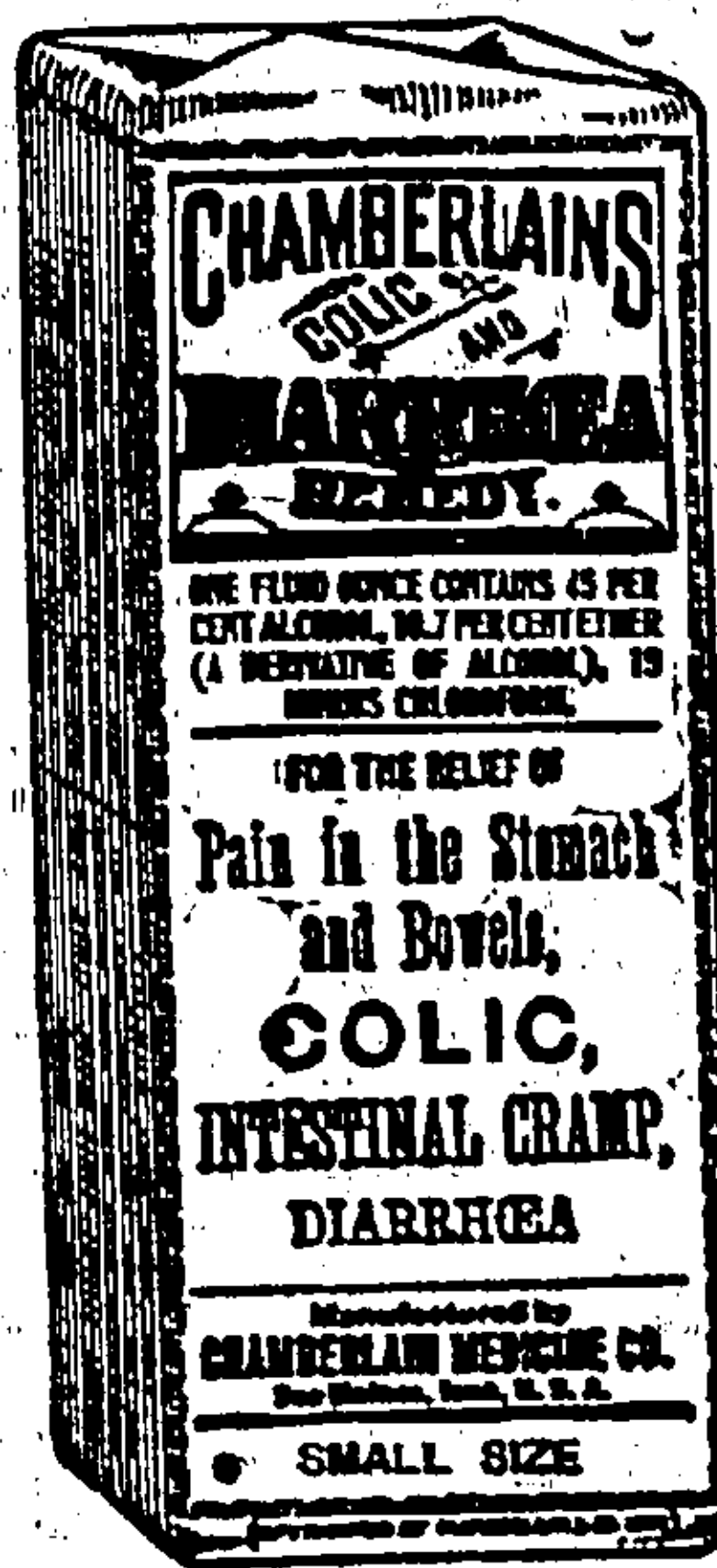
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BREACH OF PROMISE CASES.
A JUDGE'S OPINION OF THEM.
VALIDITY OF SENTIMENT AS AN ARGUMENT.

Once more a Judge of the High Court has made occasion to pronounce the action for breach of promise of marriage, a public danger. Mr. Justice McCardie's dislike of these cases has never been concealed, and it does not diminish upon further experience. A year ago he declared from the Bench that two-thirds of breach of promise actions are brought "not to remedy a loss incurred, but to inflict some public hurt on a man by a disappointed woman." A case this week has caused him to repeat that opinion with new emphasis. It is, of course, to be recognized that his Lordship by no means speaks only for himself. Similar dicta, perhaps less bluntly put, have often been heard in court, and there is little doubt that a majority of lawyers of experience would hold that the abuses of the breach of promise action are such as to make it against public policy for our law to allow it. Judges and jurists are not apt to admit the validity of sentiment as an argument for the maintenance or the change of statutes. But Mr. Justice McCardie takes different ground from that which most of the critics of the breach of promise action have occupied. They have in general been content to point to its notorious liability to abuse. That an appreciable number of the cases which come into court are such as Mr. Justice McCardie describes, cases of revenge, is not to be denied. "Spree injuries" is the motive power, not actual material loss. What is sought is not so much money as punishment. We may on occasion sympathize with the angry woman rather than the man, though if we do we shall have to admit that it was not to gratify resentment of this sort that the law was framed, and that it is not desirable the Courts should have to administer the wild justice of revenge. But most laymen, and not a few lawyers would hold that this is not the worst form of abuse. Not the cases which come into court but those which are settled out of court, exhibit the most disastrous effects of the law. Everyone knows that many of these are, in fact, however veiled by legal process, cases of blackmail. We may believe that those who are mulcted deserve in general little sympathy, though the leading case of *Bardel v. Pickwick* should remind us that the innocent are not exempt from the devices of the blackmailer. We can hardly deny that it is unfortunate the state of the law should make smooth the blackmailer's path.

But Mr. Justice McCardie's criticism relies on other arguments. In this view the action for breach of promise "frequently causes a man to carry out a promise from which he wished to escape, with a consequence to the social life of the community which can scarcely be estimated." Now there will be no dispute that the man who marries a woman whom he would rather not marry, does her a worse injury than if he jilted her. The marriage under threat or fear of an action for damages is a marriage which no woman of any self-respect could desire, and which no one of any judgment could approve. But we should not have thought that such marriages were numerous. It would be rash to challenge any conclusion which a Judge of Mr. Justice McCardie's authority has formed, upon his experience at the Bar and on the Bench, but we may venture to suggest that in the nature of things the matrimonial and betrothal cases which come before him are pathological. The effects of the law of breach of promise are not only to be estimated by practising lawyers, but by the laity. They have found, we suspect, that no very large number of men are affected in their choice of a wife by any fear of legal action for a broken promise. They might well incline to hold that the vast majority of the ill-assorted unions, the results of which, as Mr. Justice McCardie says, are destructive, not only of individual happiness, but of the welfare of the community, are caused not by reluctant performance of a regretted promise but by hasty and ill-considered choice. Mr. Justice McCardie laid down that a jury when considering breach of promise actions should have in mind their character, and their bearing upon the general well-being. Against the simple principle that it is not right for a man to enter into promise of marriage and then seek lightly to throw it off, he instructed the jury to consider whether it is not often fifty times better that a promise should be broken rather than that parties who do not agree should launch into lifelong miseries, with the consequences of infidelity and social ruin. Such a question so phrased can be answered only in one way. But we submit that it ignores the real grievance in many an action for breach of promise. It would indeed be an adequate answer to the obsolete action to compel the performance of a contract of marriage. But our modern plaintiffs do not make that claim. We may agree that, speaking broadly, it would be a misfortune that parties to any action for breach of promise should marry. But this argument again ignores the actual injury for which damages are claimed. We may be quite sure that a breach of promise action offers no remedy for the worst wrong against which it was designed—the cruel insult, the destruction of happiness and confidence. There can never be any legal penalty for offences such as this; nor are those who tell them most deeply likely to come into court. But still we must hold that these considerations do not affect the validity of a claim that a man who has led a woman to believe for years that he means to marry her should be held responsible, if the case requires it, for such material injury and such damage to her prospects as she has sustained in his default. Such are many of the breach of promise cases of

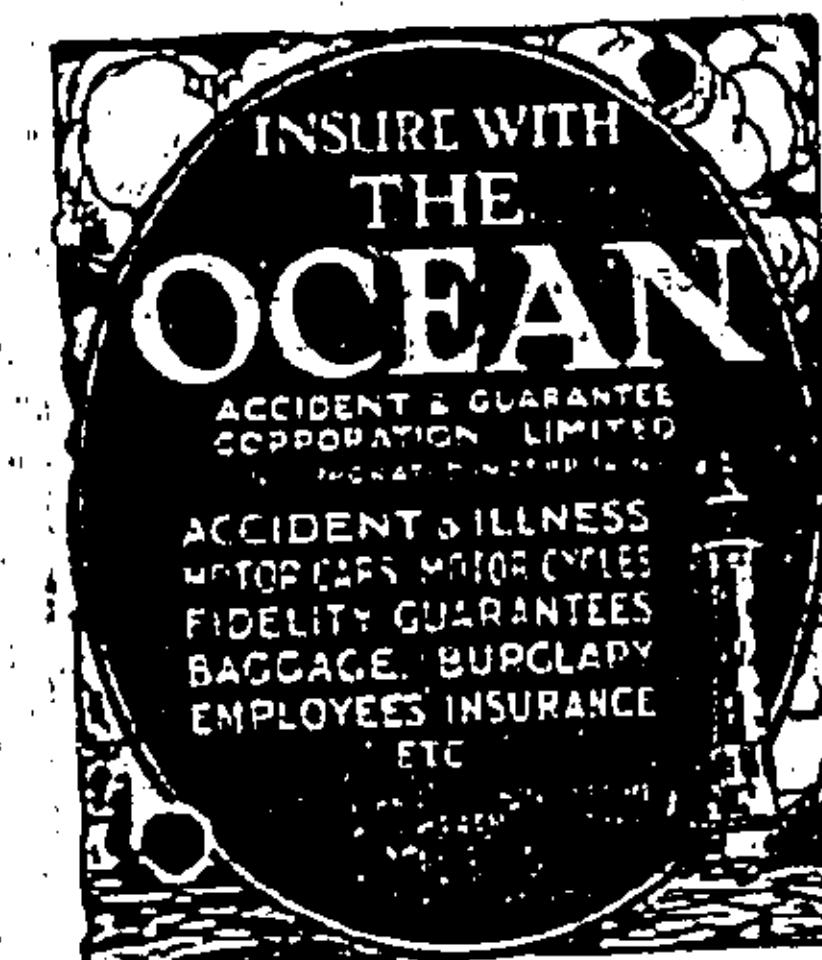
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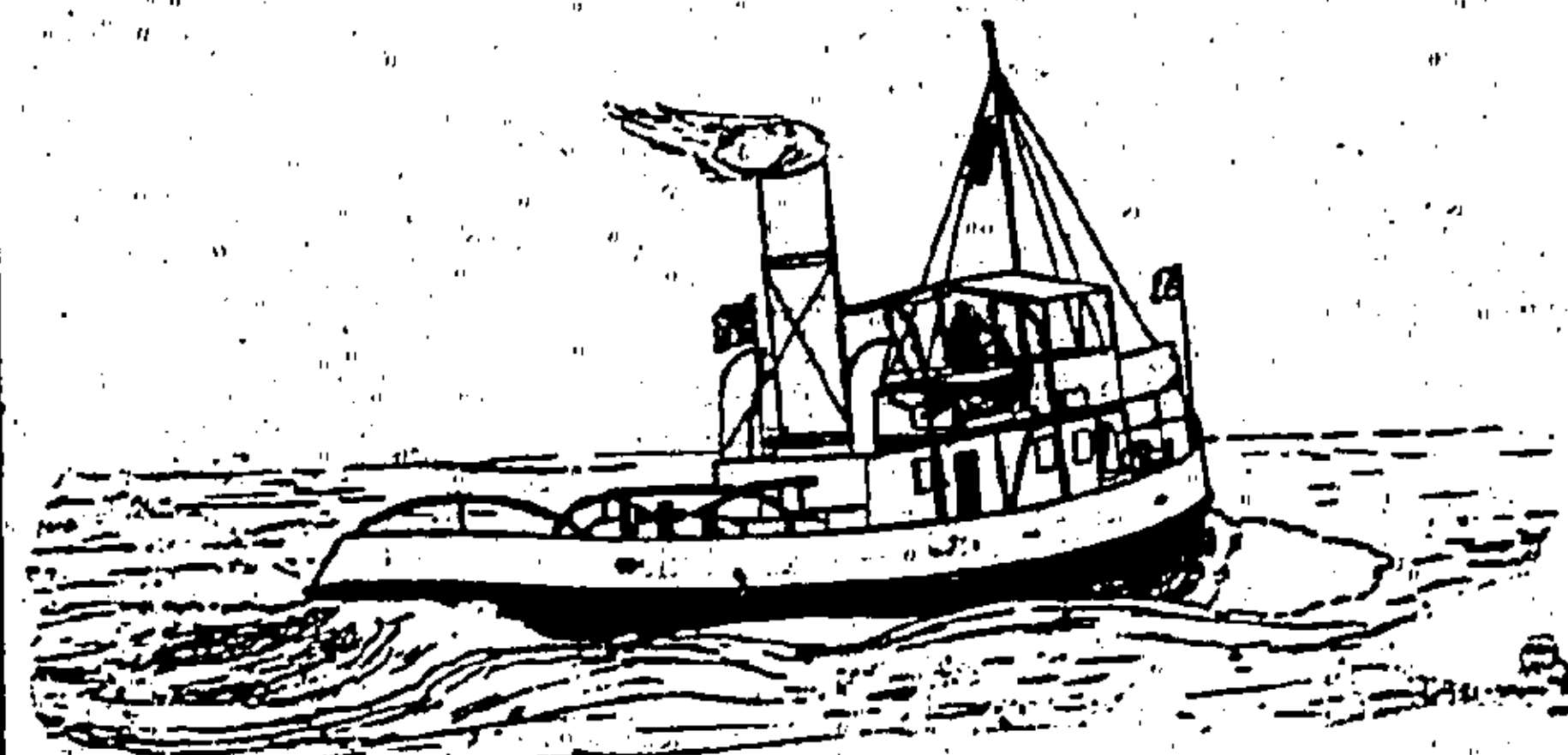
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Tamba Maru (N.Y.K.), due to-day.
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WEATHER REPORT.

Dec. 14th, at 11.45.—Pressure has increased moderately over the British Isles and slightly over S.W. Japan. It has decreased slightly from Weihaiwei to Formosa and is nearly stationary in southern districts. It is probably moving eastward.
A depression is shown to the East of Hokkaido.
Moderate monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. 14th Dec., 0.0 inch. Total since January 1st, 63.71 inches, against an average of 82.44 inches.
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District	Forecast
Hongkong to Gap Rock	N.E. winds, moderate; fine.
Formosa Channel	The same as No. 1.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Lam-ckai	No. 1.
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HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, December 14th.

	Previous Day at 5 p.m.	On Date at 8 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer	30.00	30.05	29.99
Temperature	87	83	83
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 "CITY OF YORK" ... 14th Feb. ... Marseilles & London.
 "CITY OF SIMLA" ... mid. March ... Marseilles & London.
 "CITY OF POONA" ... mid. April ... Marseilles & London.

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"CALCHAS" ... via Suez Canal ... 24th December.
 "MACHAON" ... via Suez Canal ... 15th January.
 "CITY OF DUNKERK" ... via Suez Canal ... 25th January.

Steamers proceed via Suez Canal or Panama Canal at Owners' option.

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Mail Steamers.	Next Sailing from Marseilles.	Pro. Arr. at Hongkong and Sailing for Shanghai and Japan.	Probable Sailing from Hongkong for Marseilles.
ANDRE LEBON	24th Nov.	29th Dec.	29th Jan., 1923.
AMBORE	1st Dec.	1st Jan.	23rd Jan., "
CORDILLER	15th Dec.	19th Jan.	6th Feb., "
ANGKOR	29th Dec.	2nd Feb.	20th Feb., "
ANGERS			6th March, "

RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY, IN FORCE FOR THE PRESENT, TO MARSEILLES.

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HAIPHONG	Capt. W. G. Parnmore	Friday, 22nd Dec., at 1 p.m.

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S.S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"SIOLIA"	6,700	22nd Dec., noon	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"KASHGAR"	6,000	27th Dec.	Bombay, Madras, London & A'wcep.
"NAGPORE"	5,300	10th Jan., 1923	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay
"PLASSY"	7,800	10th Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"BARDINIA"	4,500	24th Jan.	do.
"NELLORE"	6,500	7th Feb.	do.
"DELTA"	9,000	21st Feb.	Bombay, Madras, London & A'wcep.
"MOREA"	11,000	7th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASHMIR"	8,841	21st Mar.	do.
"DONGOLA"	8,000	4th Apr.	do.
"NANKIN"	7,000	18th Apr.	do.
"KARMAIA"	9,000	2nd May	do.
"KASHGAR"	9,000	16th May	do.
"NTANZA"	7,000	30th May	do.

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"TORILLA"	5,200	18th Dec.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"JAPAN"	5,000	31st Dec.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

"ARAFURA"	6,000	3rd Jan.	Manila, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
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 The Union S.S. Co.'s Steamers to the United Kingdom via New Zealand, Vancouver, The P. & O. Royal Mail Steamers to London via Suez Canal.
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"SARDINIA"	6,700	20th Dec.	Shanghai & Japan.
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"NELLORE"	6,500	30th Dec.	Shanghai & Japan.

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Monthly direct service via Singapore and Port Said.

"GRUNO MARU" ... Monday, 18th Dec.

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"ALABAMA MARU" ... Monday, 1st Jan., 1923

CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE & BANGKOK

"MALAY MARU" ... Friday, 15th Jan.

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"ALABAMA MARU" ... Thursday, 31st Dec.

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KIELING via SWATOW & AMOY—These Steamers have excellent accommo-

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"KATO MARU" ... Every Sunday, 10 am.

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For sailing dates and further particulars please apply to—

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SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATIONS.

For	Steamer	To Sail
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SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SUNNING"	On 16th Dec., D.L.
HONGKONG & RAIPHONG	"YUNNAN"	On 16th Dec., 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI & FUKOW	"LUCHOW"	On 17th Dec., D.L.
SHANGHAI	"CHUNGKING"	On 17th Dec., 4 p.m.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KWEIYANG"	On 18th Dec., noon
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"LIANGCHOW"	On 18th Dec., D.L.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KINGTIAN"	On 18th Dec., 10 a.m.
SWATOW & AMOY	"KATZCO"	On 20th Dec., 4 p.m.
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BANGKOK	"TINAN"	On 21st Dec., 4 p.m.

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S.S. "PRESIDENT CLEVELAND" ... Jan. 23rd, 1923 ... Feb. 18th, 1923

This steamer proceeds homeward via Manila and thence direct to Shanghai and usual ports.

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S.S. "PRESIDENT LINCOLN" ... Dec. 24th ... Dec. 26th

S.S. "PRESIDENT CLEVELAND" ... Jan. 10th, 1923 ... Jan. 17th, 1923

HONGKONG-CALCUTTA SERVICE

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S.S. "JACOB" ... Dec. 23rd

TAMPA-INTER-OCEAN S.S. CO.

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INWARD MAILS.

FROM	PER	DATE
U.S.A., CANADA, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Empress of Australia	15th inst.
SHANGHAI	Tamara Maru	15th inst.
SHANGHAI	Chungking	15th inst.
JAPAN	Togo Maru	18th inst.
U.S.A., JAPAN AND SHANGHAI	Pres. Jefferson	18th inst.
Parcels Mail only London, 24th Nov.	Sordania	20th inst.
SHANGHAI	Mojo Maru	23th inst.

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR	PER	DATE
Hohow and Haiphong	Leasing	Friday, 15th, 8.00 A.M.
Hohow and Bangkok	Hutchins	Friday, 15th, 10.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hutchins	Friday, 15th, Noon
Philippine Islands	Yuenan	Friday, 15th, 2.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Tsikiyap	Friday, 15th, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Swatow	Friday, 15th, 5.00 P.M.
Hohow, Pakhot and Haiphong	Yuenan	Saturday, 16th, 8.00 A.M.
Sandakan	Mouang	Saturday, 16th, 1.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Luchow	Saturday, 16th, 5.00 P.M.
Port Bayard, Hohow & Haiphong	Hutchins	Saturday, 16th, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Keelung	Chungking	Sunday, 17th, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Chungking	Sunday, 17th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow and Bangkok	Kuoying	Sunday, 17th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow	Kuoying	Monday, 18th, 10.00 A.M.
Philippine Islands, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 20th Dec.	Tango Maru	Tuesday, 19th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hutchins	Tuesday, 19th, 11.00 A.M.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. M. E. Africa, India via D'Adda, Egypt, S. EUROPE via MARSEILLES—due Marseilles, 20th Jan. 1923.	Kitano Maru	Tuesday, 19th, 5.00 P.M.
Philippine Islands	Pres. Jefferson	Wednesday, 20th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hutchins	Wednesday, 20th, 3.40 P.M.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Bombay & Aden	Sialia	Wednesday, 20th, 5.00 P.M.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Bombay & Aden	Kashya	Saturday, 23rd, 10.00 A.M.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Bombay & Aden	Kashya	Saturday, 23rd, 5.00 P.M.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Bombay & Aden	Kashya	Wednesday, 27th, 9.00 A.M.

LOCAL AND REGULAR MAILS OUTWARD

FROM SHANGHAI BRANCH FOR	ON WEEK-DAYS	ON SUNDAY	ON HOLIDAYS
Canton and Samahai	7.30 A.M. 9.30 P.M.	9.30 P.M.	7.30 A.M. 9.30 P.M.
Tai Ping Tung	9.30 P.M.	9.30 P.M.	9.30 P.M.
Shanghai	9.30 P.M.	9.30 P.M.	9.30 P.M.
Longmoon	8.00 P.M.	8.00 P.M.	8.00 P.M.
Hongkong	8.00 P.M.	8.00 P.M.	8.00 P.M.
Wachow	4.00 P.M.	10.00 A.M.	4.00 P.M.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

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 "OANFA" 28TH DEC. Marseilles, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow.
 "KEEMUN" 20TH JAN. Genoa, Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow.

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(VIA KORE AND YOKOHAMA).

"TALTHYBIUS" 19TH DEC. Victoria, Seattle & Vancouver.
 "TYNDAREUS" 12TH JAN.

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 "MAOHAON" 15TH JAN. via Suez.
 "NINGCHOW" 5TH FEB. via Suez.

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 "PYREHUS" 9TH APR. for Singapore & London.

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 Bank Bill, on demand ... 2/8 1/2
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 Bank Bill, at 4 months sight ... 2/8 1/2
 Credits, at 4 months sight ... 2/8 1/2
 Documentary Bill, 4 months sight ... 2/4 1/2

ON PARI.—
 Bank Bill, on demand ... 7/5
 Credits, 4 months sight ... 7/5
 ON NEW YORK.—
 Bank Bill, on demand ... 54
 Credits, at 30 days sight ... 54
 ON HONGKONG.—
 Telegraphic Transfer ... 169
 Bank Bill, on demand ... 169
 ON SHANGHAI.—
 Bank Bill, at sight ... 106
 Bank Bill, at 30 days sight ... 104
 ON MANILA.—On demand ... 98
 ON BANGALORE.—On demand ... 131
 ON HANKOW.—On demand ... 72
 ON HONGKONG.—On demand ... 8.64 n
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Hongkong, 14th November, 1922. [8]

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For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
 A. G. STEPHEN,
 Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 14th November, 1922. [9]

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BRANCHES:—

THE BANK OF CHINA, Limited.

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THE MERCHANT BANK OF INDIA, Limited.

15, Gracechurch Street, London, E.C. 3.

HEAD OFFICE:—

Authorized Capital ... \$1,000,000
 Paid-up Capital ... \$1,000,000
 Reserve Fund ... \$1,150,000

BRANCHES:—

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, Limited.

10, Des Voeux Road, C. HONGKONG.

Established 1918.

Authorized Capital ... \$10,000,000
 Paid-up Capital ... \$5,000,000
 Reserve Fund ... \$2,000,000

BRANCHES:—

THE BANK OF TAIWAN, Limited.

(TAIWAN BANKING CO., Ltd.)

Capital Subscribed ... Yen 50,000,000
 Capital (Paid-up) ... Yen 25,000,000
 Reserve Fund ... Yen 15,000,000

HEAD OFFICE:—TAIPEI, FORMOSA

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